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REMARKS

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1. On 22 September 1951, the Volkspolizei Dienststelle (VPD) in the former Schuetzenkaserne on Leipzigerstrasse in Meiningen totaled 1,200. They were rotated in groups of 400 through two-month training courses at the summer camp on the west slope of the Dolmar Hill. [redacted] practicing there with Soviet soldiers on light and heavy mortars. Two 1-34 tanks daily went from the Barbara Kaserne to the Dolmar Hill to participate in the training.

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2. Colonel Karashenko (fnu), who sometimes wore Soviet uniform and sometimes VP uniform, still acted as director of training. He was subordinate to the commanding officer of the Barbara Kaserne. VP Oberkommissar Eienkel (fnu), and VP Meister Lukas (fnu), were discharged effective 1 September 1951.

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3. [redacted] a plan for a joint operation for Soviet troops and Volkspolizei in the Meiningen area had been prepared in early September. The plan allegedly involved combined Soviet-German companies which were designated as infantry units and B companies for tank units. [redacted] the plan would possibly be implemented only in the border area. *

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* [redacted] Comment. This is the first report to mention such plans and preparations.

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